

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-36 are pending in this application. Claim 5 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

The Applicants submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance and action toward that end is earnestly solicited. No fees are believed to be due. The Commissioner, however, is authorized to deduct the fees and any other fees (except the payment of the issue fee) from Nixon Peabody Deposit Account No. 50-4181, Order No. 247082-000168USPX.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 2, 2008

/John C. Gatz/

John C. Gatz
Registration No. 41,774
NIXON PEABODY LLP
161 North Clark Street, Ste. 4800
Chicago, Illinois 60601
312-425-3900 - telephone
312-425-3909 - telefax

ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANTS